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STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL COOPERATION

Agenda item 3

Inter-Agency Task Force on Environment Statistics

1. The report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Environment Statistics (E/CN.3/1994/10) was introduced by the representative of the Convenor of the Task Force, the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat.

2. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the work of the Task Force - which had been achieved even though it had not been possible to organize a full meeting - including the work done on the planned Directory of Environmental Data. The Commission urged the Task Force members to make every effort to find the necessary resources for a future meeting.

3. The Commission stressed the importance of technical cooperation in environmental statistics and accounting, including the identification of available training facilities.

4. The Commission was of the opinion that the work of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts on satellite accounts should be taken into account by the Task Force on Environment Statistics.

Action taken by the Commission

5. The Commission:

(a) Requested the Task Force, in order to aid the coordination task across agencies, to compile a description of the different programmes and activities carried out in the areas of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting, showing the agencies involved, time-frames, progress, plans and resource constraints;

(b) Recommended that the Task Force draw up an action-oriented work programme based on specific coordination requirements;

(c) Requested the Task Force to report its conclusions and recommendations to the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination and the Commission at their forthcoming sessions.